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SPEAK UP FOR LIBRARY SERVICE

Last spring this Association voted to campaign to obtain statewide library service for Arizona. Today we stand on the threshold of that campaign. No one person can possibly put this through. We must have the united effort of **every** librarian in Arizona and of all citizens who have the welfare of the state at heart.

Since you librarians are more aware than others of the need for extension service, you have a special responsibility to alert the public to the necessity of providing adequate service to all people. This responsibility rests, without exception, upon each individual. You have a duty here, as citizens, to help improve the library facilities of Arizona.

The foundation of a democracy, as you are well aware, is an enlightened electorate. Yet nearly half the people of Arizona have no means of continuing their education beyond the years of formal schooling. These people, for the most part, are eager to obtain such facilities and need only to have the method made clear to them. Let not inertia or indifference, petty quarrels or jealousies, timidity, or even lack of time, keep you from meeting this challenge!

It is of vital necessity that the people of this state speak up for library service and convince their legislators that they mean to have it. Only then will it be possible to pass a law which will establish an agency that is free of politics, that is empowered to handle federal grants, that is headed by a trained person experienced in giving extension service, and which has adequate financial support.

May we count on **you?**

Jennie Welcome, President

Arizona State Library Association

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The state agency provides the impetus for the accomplishment of long range plans for library development over the state as a whole. It encourages the establishement of libraries on a firm basis of support in various parts of the state. Its trained personnel is available with help and advice to all libraries. It cooperates with school authorities to provide good books to schools. It is empowered to distribute grants-in-aid for equalization of service made by state or federal government.

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Although it can do much, the state agency cannot, and should not, take the place of the local library. Real service comes on the local level. In our state where few cities and fewer towns are finanically able to support modern library service there is a fertile field for county and regional libraries. A firm basis of financial support can be provided by a county or by two or more counties pooling their resources. Average cost of minimum service is currently set by the American Library Association at $1.50 per capita per year, or not less than $37,500 per year for the area served.

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A BOOKLIST FOR ARIZONA SCHOOLS

Elvera Weathersbee

A new booklist and library guide for Arizona schools should be in the hands of teachers and school librarians in 1949. The list and guide is rapidly taking shape under the direction of a special committee of the Arizona State Library Association consisting of Ella Mae Morgan, librarian, Wilson School; Ethlyn Rolfe, librarian, Miami High School; Willimina Schultz, librarian, Tolleson Union High, and Elvera Weathersbee, children's librarian, Phoenix Public Library. The committee is working in close cooperation with L. D. Klemmedson, superintendent, and Lillian B. Johnston of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Much of the success of an effective curriculum depends on adequate, up-to-date, and pleasing book materials. Arizona's present list dates from 1935. At the 1948 meeting of the Children and Young People's Section of the A.S.L.A. it was decided, therefore, to revise and expand the list.

The purpose of the booklist will be to assist teachers and librarians in their search for appropriate and varied reading. It will also serve as a buying guide for the purchase of basic books for the classroom and library. At Mr. Klemmedson's suggestion the guide will contain a special introductory section outlining briefly the organization and administration of a school library.

The booklist will be arranged by subject to coincide with courses of study for elementary and secondary schools. The appropriate grade level for each book will be indicated in the subject list and in the general bibliography. Special features of the list will be sections of books about Arizona, school laws, library equipment, Arizona events and holidays, and carefully selected lists of books costing $25 and $50.

Assisting in the compilation is a group of advisors including Harold W. Batchelor, librarian, Arizona State College at Tempe; Dr. Emily Baker, assoc. professor of education at Tempe; Mr. Alex Frazier, curriculum consultant, Phoenix high schools; Althea Ragsdale, librarian, Arizona State College at Flagstaff, and Patricia Paylore, acting librarian, University of Arizona.

It is expected that preliminary work can be completed by January 1.

If you haven't got blanks, here is the petition form. Type it at the top of a sheet of paper and get signatures.

"Whereas, we believe good library service to be necessary to a sound educational system; and whereas, many areas in Arizona have inadequate library resources and many other areas are without library service;

"We therefore urge the establishment of a state library agency to promote and encourage state-wide library service."

LIBRARIANS LOOK ABROAD

David K. Easton

The International Relations Round Table on Library Service Abroad was held at Williamstown, Massachusetts, June 21 through 28, 1948. The participants comprised a group of 58 people who met for conference, discussion, and deliberation on all phases of library work in other countries. Frederick Cromwell, librarian, University of Arizona, and David K. Easton, asst. librarian, American Institute of Forgein Trade, represented Arizona at the conference.

Those who attended at the Williamstown Inn in June included librarians who had worked overseas and librarians with aspirations directed toward that field but who had never served professionally outside this country. Also attending were men in the publishing field who were able to demonstrate how their specialization brightened the outlook for learning and improved communiction of ideas abroad. Members of the Department of State, the United States Army, and the Foreign Service Institute lectured on peoples and civilizations of foreign lands, the learning of new languages, and the need for democratic institutions, dynamic programs, and personnel with human understanding to represent the United States abroad.

With these problems in mind this small library community set about the task of organizing their knowledge, ideas, and experience to compose a manual that would be a guide to those who desired to serve the profession in other countries. All members participated on committees that devoted each morning session to preparation of a tentative manual on library service abroad. Its publication will be a tribute to the intellectual stimulation of the cooperating specialists and to the generosity of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

At the last meeting of the conference the group elected Mrs. Helen Wessels chairman and voted unanimously to continue as a round table of the American Library Association. The following resolutions were adopted:

"The accomplishments of the International Relations Office in promoting interest in, and understanding of, overseas librarianship have been outstanding. Their importance cannot be overestimated in interpreting the functions of library service on a world-wide basis. It is, therefore, our considered opinion that it is essential that the means be found for continuing and expanding this branch of the American Library Association's activities dealing with international affairs.

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"The marked success of the International Relations Round Table on Library Service Abroad indicates definitely the importance of providing similar opportunities in other parts of the country. We, therefore, recommend to the International Relations Board (1) that it begin immediately to plan for further conferences and (2) that it make the necessary arrangments for publicizing the results of this conference.

"This conference has shown clearly that library service abroad is an integral and essential part of contemporary librarianship. We, therefore, recommend that adequate attention to this phase of library service be recognized, publicized, and included as a part of all statments of librarianship as a career."

The writer takes pleasure in bringing news of the round table to the librarians of Arizona through their bulletin. It is hoped that their interest will be enlisted in the continued existence of the International Relations Office and its accomplishments of spreading education by promoting the interests of librarianship over wide areas outside of the United States.

DOUGLAS SCHOOL LIBRARY SURVEY REPORT

Correction of space problems to permit students use of libraries at all times, and a long range program to provide service generally considered adequate were two recommendations made in the recent report of a special committee to survey library service in Douglas schools.

Among those on the committee were Miss Verne Rogers, principal of A Avenue School; Miss Jennie Welcome, librarian of Douglas High School; Mrs. Blanche Gardner, librarian of the Grammar School, and faculty members of the Douglas school system.

The survey showed that library service was uneven. The high school library has 5,497 volumes, or 10 volumes to a student on the basis of last year's enrollment. The A. L. A. and the National Education Association set eight books per pupil as the minimum standard.

The high school library has a trained librarian and a classified catalog, but it has inadequate space. Only 30 may sit in the library at one time, and it has been necessary to limit the number of visits a student may make to the library in a week.

The Grammar School library has 4,301 books and a full-time librarian. It has an adequate number of well selected books and proper service, but it has only half the floor space necessary.

The committee reported that in other schools provision for library service has not been assumed by the taxpayers. These libraries depend on the success of candy, ice cream, and rummage sales. The 474 students in A Avenue School have 554 books, a number considerably short of the recommended total. Students in two schools have no books available.

Such an intensive survey of facilities in a limited area is a valuable method of highlighting successes and failures of library resources and might well be recommended to other communities in the state

AJO OPENS NEW LIBRARY QUARTERS

Cheerful, spacious new quarters for the Ajo branch of the Pima County Library in the recently completed recreation building at Ajo were opened with appropriate ceremonies on Saturday evening, September 18. Mrs. J. H. Elliott, librarian, headed a receiving line.

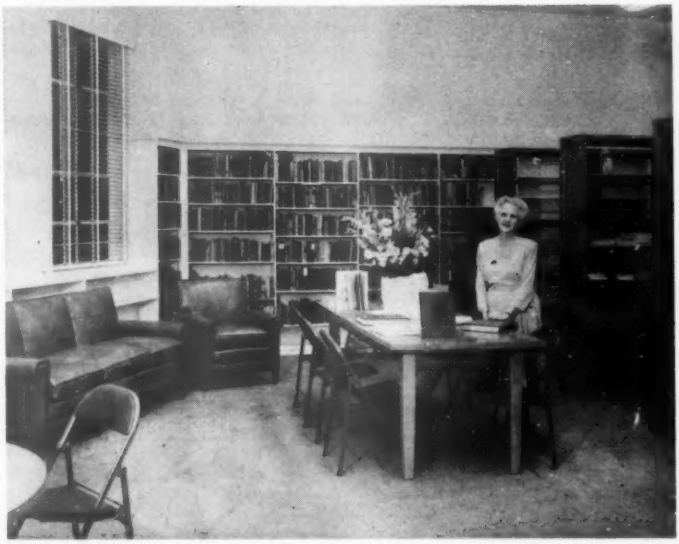
The room is triangular in shape with continuous fluorescent lighting. The floor is covered with gray tile and the walls are painted light cream. Reading tables and chairs and comfortable ,over-stuffed leather chairs and lounges are grouped informally around the room. Not the least of the advantages is a large shelf-lined workroom.

After books had been transferred from the old library room and the balance of the library's 4,000 volumes had been taken from storage in Tucson and placed in the library, there was still ample space for expansion, which Mrs. Elliott believes will be rapid.

The Ajo branch library first opened in March 1946 with several hundred volumes scattered on the shelves. For the past year hundreds of volumes have been stored for lack of shelf space. The collection now numbers 4,000 volumes, and there are 1,391 registered borrowers.

The new Ajo recreation building contains a reception hall which can be divided into three sections, a well equipped kitchen, a theater seating 650 persons, and the new library which occupies about one-third of the building.

A number of volumes of new books were donated by Ajo readers in celebration of the opening of the new building.



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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Secretary: Miss Jeanette Young, Phoenix Public Library.

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Secretary: Miss Clare Yotter, North Phoenix High School.

College and Special Section:
Chairman: Miss Dorothy Siebecker, University of Arizona Library.
Secretary: Miss Doris Whitwell, Matthews Library, Arizona State College, Tempe.

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William Bartels, Chairman; Jane Hudgins, Mulford Winsor.

Survey:
Patricia Paylore, Chairman. For other members see March, 1948, issue of the Arizona Librarian.

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Elvera Weathersby, Chairman; Ella Mae Morgan, Ethlyn Rolfe.

Intellectual Freedom:
David Easton, Chairman.

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Doris Whitwell, State Chairman.

American Association of School Librarians Membership:
Willimina Schultz, State Chairman.

Planning for Fall Meeting:
Willimina Schultz, Chairman; Harold W. Batchelor, Gertrude James.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Mrs. Ellen K. Burden was appointed the first salaried librarian of the Wickenburg Public Library at a meeting of the library board October 1. **Mrs. Mary Paige**, secretary of the board, reports that the library was organized in July, 1942, by a group of interested women with nothing but determination. Since then it has outgrown an old dwelling and moved into a building erected by the town. The library serves Morristown, Salome, Yarnell, Congress, and Bagdad, as well as Wickenburg.

Duncan Public Library, celebrating its firth birthday, also reports rapid growth. Its head librarian, **Mrs. Lee Stratton**, writes that although it is still staffed by volunteer help, it now receives small appropriations from town and county and has over 1,200 volumes.

Miss Marian E. Wittenberger, formerly at San Fernando, California, is chief librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Phoenix. She replaces **Miss Sherrill McMillan**, who transferred to to the naval hospital at San Diego.

Mrs. Evangeline Berryman, Maricopa County librarian, is recuperating from her recent illness at the home of her daughter in Arcadia, California.

Mrs. Max Peters, formerly librarian, Potter County Library, Amarillo, Texas, has been appointed to the staff of the Maricopa County Free Library.

New quarters and new books for Roosevelt School in Phoenix. **Miss Nola Bedford** reports a $3,000 grant for new books. The library has been moved from the garage to a large classroom with an adjacent cloakroom which will provide work space.

Phoenix Public Library has purchased a copy of the new A. L. A. film "New Chapters." Any library wishing to borrow this may do so for the cost of express.

Nogales Public Library has been painted and redecorated during the summer and fluorescent lighting has been installed. **Mrs. Chester French**, formerly on the staff of the Long Beach Public Library, is cataloging the collection in Nogales on a volunteer basis.

On November 16 a bond issue for a new main building for the Phoenix Public Library will be submitted to the voters.

Mrs. Lucille Pomeroy, librarian, Mesa Public Library, has returned to work after an eight months absence due to illness.

Tempe Public Library is now open six afternoons a week all during the year instead of three afternoons from Septmeber through May.

Miss Luella Cory, formerly of the Department of Library and Archives, has been appointed to the staff of the Matthews Library at Arizona State College in Tempe.

Miss Dorothy Hardaway, Mrs. Dixie Thompson, Mr. Harold W. Batchelor and **Mrs. Elvera Weathersbee** participated in a panel on school librarians in the curriculum at Arizona State College in Tempe during the summer term.

Miss Felice Mignella, Junior High School librarian at Prescott, attended library school at the University of Southern California during the summer.

Phoenix Public Library now owns seven projectors and about 150 films for the "Projected Reading" program. Films have been donated by the Phoenix Gazette and service clubs. Projectors have been placed in hospitals and nursing homes in the Phoenix area where patients are bedfast and cannot read any other way than from the ceiling.

Miss Jennie Welcome announced the opening of the campaign for a state library agency in an address before the Cochise County Council of Homemakers in Douglas on September 11.

Miss Phyllis Bayley, a graduate of Principia College, is a new assistant on the staff of the Phoenix College Library. Library facilities at the college will be extended by the addition of a periodical reading room to be open about November 1.

Mrs. Ethlyn Rolfe has been appointed librarian at the Miami High School.

Miss Velma N. Disbrow, a graduate of the library school at the University of Illinois, has been appointed librarian at Roskruge Junior High School in Tucson. She succeeds **Miss Dorothy Hall** who is now teaching American history in the same school.

The opening of a library station at Sopari on September 24 makes a total of 12 stations and one branch for the Pima County Library, according to **Mrs. Gertrude Burt**, librarian. The total county circulation exceeds the city circulation by about 4,000 monthly and is steadily increasing.

Mr. William Carlson, formerly librarian at the University of Arizona, will be the principal peaker at the meeting of the College and Special Libraries Section of the Southwestern Library Association in New Orleans. **Mr. Harold Walter Batchelor** is chairman of the section.

During the past summer the book club of the Carnegie Free Library children's room in Tucson dropped its "book house" in favor of "mountain climbing." The children set 30 books as their goal for summer reading, and this was depicted as a lofty peak in the center of the bulletin board. Three children finally won the top and were given a grand "weenie" roast at Mrs. Bilke's house.

Miss Patricia Paylore, chairman of the Survey Committee, expresses appreciation of the response of librarians all over the state to the survey questionnaires. Outstanding questionnaires should be sent in as soon as possible. The results will be of great importance in the legislative campaign for the state library agency. If blanks have been lost or damaged, new one can be obtained by writing Miss Paylore at the University Library.

Miss Dorothy Osborne has been appointed assistant in the circulation department of the University Library to replace **Miss Florence Junkin**, who resigned to attend the School of Librarianship at the University of California. **Mr. John Weaver**, a graduate of the University of Arizona with a Master's degree in history, has been appointed assistant in the circulation and catalog departments of the University Library.

New staff members at the Carnegie Free Library in Tucson are **Miss Anne Adams**, assistant in the circulation department; **Mrs. Elizabeth Smith** and **Mrs. Frances Imhoff**, assistants in the catalog department, and **Mrs. Mayone Burns**, assistant to the children's librarian. **Mrs. Juliet Bilke** is in charge of bookmending.

ARIZONA LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Compiled by **Donald M. Powell** and **Lutie L. Higley**

The directory is divided into two parts: a geographical list of libraries giving information in abbreviated form, and an alphabetical list giving name, position, library, and home address. Although it was attempted to make as complete a list as possible, some libraries may have been overlooked. If such libraries will forward such information the editor will be glad to print a supplementary list in an early issue.

LIBRARIES

Avondale—Avondale School; Mrs. Marie Cecil, libn.

Benson—Benson Union High School; Mr. George A. Rycance, libn.

Bisbee—Bisbee High School; Mrs. Fred L. Phillipi, libn.
Cochise County Law Library; Mr. Albert J. Paquin, libn.
Cochise County Rural School; Mrs. Marjorie Bell, libn.
Copper Queen Library; Miss Rubi Boyce, libn.; Mrs. Ruth Toles, asst. libn.
Lowell School Library; Mrs. Helen Pollack, libn.

Bowie—Bowie High School; Miss Helen McLenahan, libn.

Casa Grande—Casa Grande Union High School; Mrs. Gladys Burkett, libn.

Chandler—Chandler High School; Miss Mabel Dudley, libn.

Clarkdale—Clark Memorial Library; Mrs. Martha Abrams, libn.
Clarkdale High School; Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hoffpauir, libn.

Cottonwood—Clemenceau Library, Cottonwood High School; Miss Iva E. Cox, libn.

Douglas—Copper Queen Library; Miss Margaret C. Thompson, libn.; Mrs. Susan M. Ross, asst. libn.
Douglas High School; Miss Jennie Welcome, libn.
Grammar School; Miss Blanche Gardner, libn.

Duncan—Duncan Elementary School; Mrs. Thelma Keesler, libn.
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Duncan Union High School; Mrs. Natalie Van Gundy, libn.

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